

SIDES E-Response Web Portal

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Section 1 - Overview

SIDES E-Response is a free web portal through which Employers and Third Party Administrators (TPAs) may electronically receive and submit responses to Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) Unemployment Insurance notifications currently received by mail. IDES is providing the option to receive and respond to electronic Notices of Claims via the **SIDES E-Response** web portal. The **SIDES E-Response** web portal is ideal for Employers and TPAs who receive a limited number of Notice of Claims. For Employer or TPAs that receive large volumes of Notice of Claims, they should contact IDES' Employer Support Hotline at(800) 247-4984 to discuss becoming a **SIDES Web Service Employer**.

Requirements

SIDES E-Response only requires the following:

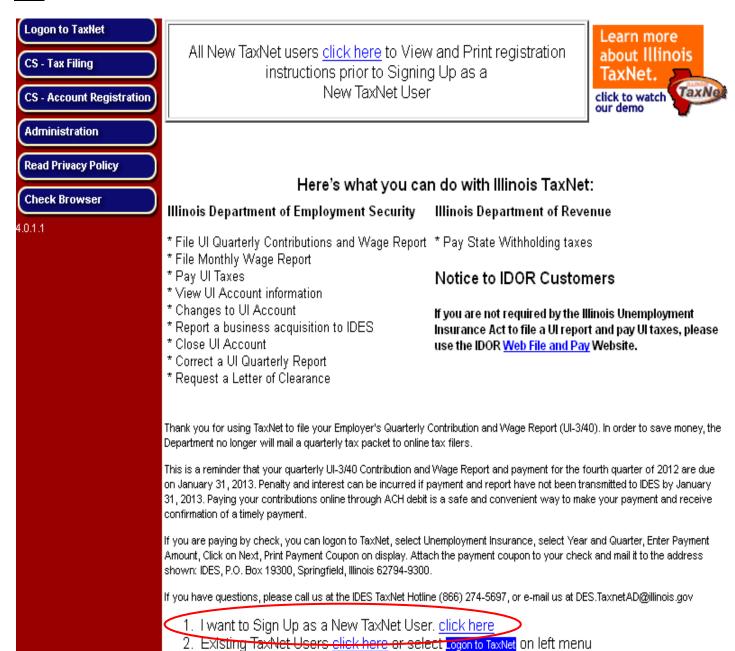
- TaxNet account,
- Email address to receive **SIDES E-Response** notifications,
- FEIN number,
- UI Account number,
- SIDES PIN (generated for you after registering for SIDES E-Response),
- A working internet connection.

Section 2 - Register on Illinois TaxNet

Employers and TPAs can participate in **SIDES E-Response** by registering through our internet application, Illinois Taxnet*. If an Employer or TPA does not have a TaxNet account, they can sign-up for an account by visiting:

https://taxnet.ides.state.il.us

To setup a TaxNet account, on the TaxNet main page, select "I want to Sign Up as a New TaxNet User. <u>Click</u> here" at the bottom of the main screen.

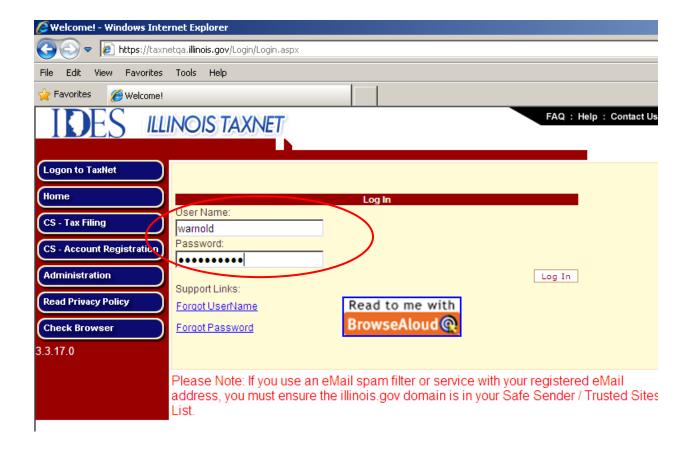


^{*} Illinois Taxnet is best viewed using Internet Explorer 8.

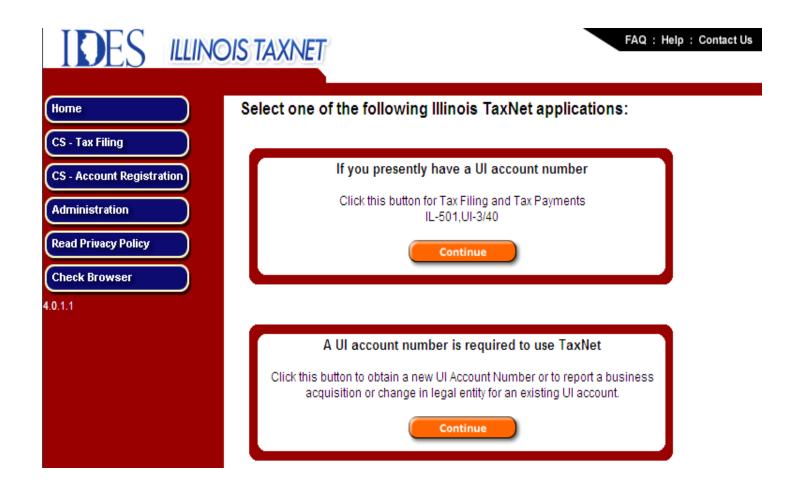
On the Sign Up Screen, Employers and TPAs will need to fill out the requested information and select "Create User" to create a TaxNet account.

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CS - Account Registration	User Name:		
Administration	Password:		
Read Privacy Policy	Confirm Password:		
	E-mail:		
Check Browser	Confirm E-mail:		
4.0.1.1	Security Question:		
	Security Answer:		
			Create User

If an Employer or TPA already has a TaxNet account, they can simply Logon to TaxNet from the main page. On the Logon screen, Employers and TPAs will enter their TaxNet User Name and Password.



If an Employer or TPA already has a UI Account number, they can select the top "Continue" button, otherwise, they should select the bottom "Continue" button and proceed to obtain a UI Account number.

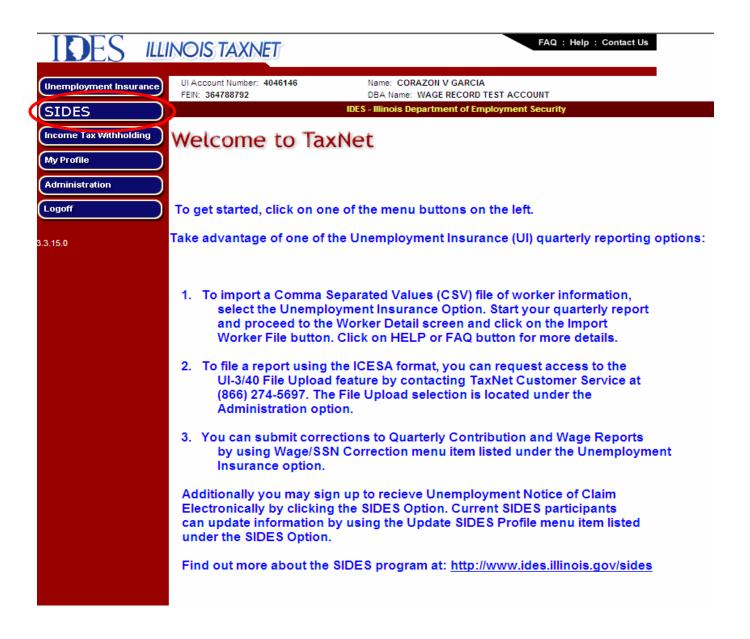


To complete logging in to TaxNet, Employers or TPAs must select their Organization ID Type, either FEIN, UI Account Number of Service Bureau, and enter the corresponding Organization FEIN, UI Account Number or Service Bureau ID number, and select "Logon to TaxNet".



Section 3 - Register for SIDES E-Response

To register for **SIDES E-Response**, after an Employer logs in to Taxnet they will navigate to the Welcome screen and should select the SIDES button on the left side menu.



Employers choosing to participate will need to initiate a onetime SIDES registration and create a SIDES profile. After reading the TaxNet Employer Disclaimer, Employers must select the radio button at the bottom of the screen stating, "I agree to the above terms. I would like to Register for SIDES."



Administration

Logoff

4.0.1.1

DBA Name: JOAKIM NOAH C/O BRIDGEWATER

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SIDES REGISTRATION

Welcome to the STATE INFOMRATION DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM (SIDES) section of TaxNet. This will allow employers to register with SIDES in order to receive unemployment Notice of Claim electronically.

TAXNET EMPLOYER Disclaimer

In order to participate in SIDES E-Response you must acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to comply with the information listed below:

An email will be sent to the email address listed on your SIDES profile when there are documents needing your attention waiting for you in the SIDES E-Response portal.

- . It is your responsibility to keep your email address current. If your email address changes you need to update your SIDES profile with the correct information.
- . It is your responsibility to retrieve these documents in a timely manner.

Generally, a claimant is not eligible for benefits if he/she:

- Was fired for misconduct. Misconduct means a "deliberate and willful violation of a reasonable rule or policy of the employing unit, governing the
 individual's behavior in performance of his work, provided such violation has harmed the employing unit or other employees or has been repeated by the
 individual despite a warning or other explicit instruction from the employing unit"
- Quit a job without a good, employment related reason, however, there are some exceptions. For example, if the claimant left on the advice of his/her
 doctor or because he/she was a victim of domestic violence, the leaving doesn't have to be employment related. If the claimant quit because of the
 exceptions found at Section 601B(1), (2) or (6) of the Act, he/she will receive benefits, but you won't be charged.
- Refused an offer of suitable work without a good reason.
 For there to be a refusal of work, you must have told the claimant the hours, salary and duties of the job as well as when you wanted them to start work for
- you. It is not enough to say "come in and fill out an application".
- . Is not able to work, not available for work or did not actively seek another job

If you wish to protest the claimant's right to benefits because he/she received vacation pay in connection with his/her separation. In your response, you must indicate the period covered by the vacation pay and the amount of the pay. Your protest must be filed by the "Reply Due Date" or within 10 days of the date that the vacation pay is paid or becomes payable. If the payment was made for an announced period of vacation or inventory shutdown, it is not necessary to make this designation.

Appeal Rights

FEIN: 274863955

If your protest is not successfully submitted to SIDES by the "Reply Due Date", you will not have the right to appeal a determination that is not in your favor. However, you can protest at any time that the claimant was not able, available or actively seeking work, giving details. You can also protest anytime that the claimant was not unemployed or that the claimant is receiving a retirement pension. In those cases, you would have the right to appeal a determination for periods after the date that you filed your protest. Even if your protest is late, we will still consider any information that you provide. However, you will not be able to appeal our determination.

If you wish to protest being charged, you cannot do this through the SIDES portal. A form for protesting chargeability is available on our website at www.ides.illinois.gov/charge.Such protests must be filed within 10 calendar days of the "Reply Due Date" on the Notice of Claim.

I agree to the above terms. I would like to Register for SIDES.

I Disagree with the above terms. I do not wish to register for SIDES at this time.

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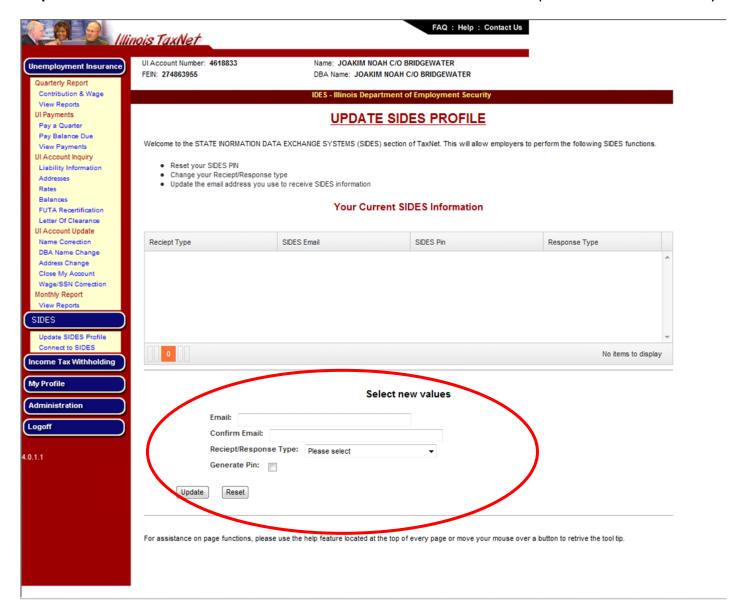
Please confirm your SIDES participation

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To complete their SIDES registration, Employers and TPAs will select their electronic notification and response preference from the Update SIDES Profile information page. If Employers and TPAs choose to receive electronic notifications, they will need to provide an email account where they want to receive their **SIDES E-Response** notifications. Please note – this email address will be used for SIDES specific communication only.



Employers may choose to receive and respond to Notices of Claim via:

- 1. Receive: Email Respond: SIDES E-Response;
- 2. Receive: USPS mail Respond: SIDES E-Response.

Employers and TPAs registration is complete **only** after clicking on the "Complete Registration" button.

If an Employer or TPA has signed up for SIDES and chooses to stop participating, they can do so on this screen by selecting the USPS Mail/USPS Mail option under Response/Receipt Type. This will stop Employers and TPAs from receiving, or being able to respond via the **SIDES E-Response** web portal.

Employers may choose to participate in SIDES at any time.

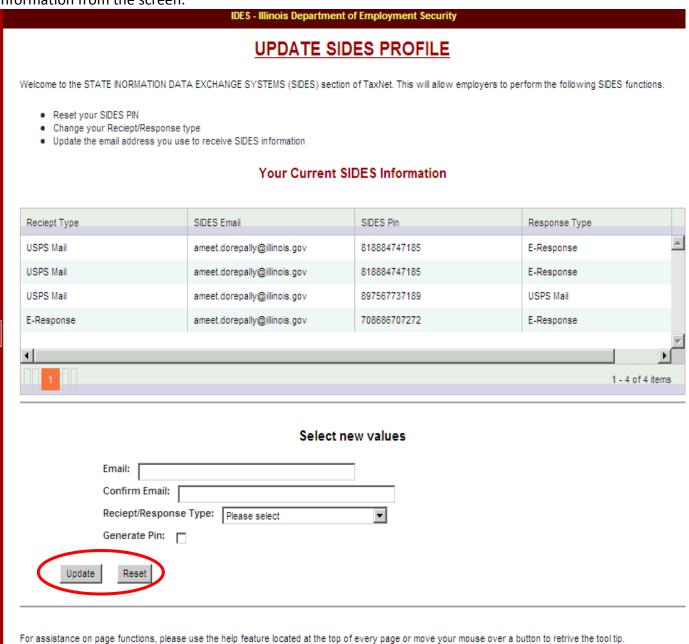
STEP 4: Change SIDES Profile

SIDES participants can view and update their SIDES Profile information at any time.

The Update Profile Screen will allow Employers and TPAs to:

- View their current SIDES information (Receipt/Response type, SIDES Email address and SIDES PIN);
- Regenerate their SIDES PIN;
- Modify their Receipt/Response type and;
- Update their SIDES email address where SIDES information is received.

The "Update" button will save changes to their SIDES Profile. The "RESET" button will clear any unsaved information from the screen.



Section 5 - Email Notices

After registering their SIDES specific email address, Employers and TPAs will begin receiving e-mail notifications when they have pending Notices of Claims on the SIDES E-Response web portal. <u>Employers and TPAs will still be legislatively required to respond to these notifications within ten calendar days.</u> Notifications for each Employer will be bundled so an Employer will only receive one email notification per day. TPAs will receive one email per Employer per day. This email notification will contain the Employer's SIDES E-Response pin number that permits them to log in to the SIDES E-Response web portal as well as a link directly to the SIDES E-Response web portal log-in page.

SIDES Email Notification

Subject: Notice from IDES RE: [Employer Name]

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

GO GREEN.

You currently have one or more Notice of Unemployment Claim documents waiting for your attention. These documents are in relation to **[Employer Name, PIN: ####]**. In order to view these documents you must log into your SIDES E-Response account either through TaxNet or by using this link. **[Link to SIDES]**. You will need the aforementioned PIN when logging into your SIDES account in order to access these documents.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Remember the PIN included in this email will only grant access to the documents referred to in this email. If you have changed your PIN number and still have outstanding requests you will need to refer to prior emails to retrieve the PIN number that is associated to those prior notifications in order access those documents.

If you change your email address it is your responsibility to update this information. To do so you need to log into TaxNet at https://taxnet.ides.state.il.us and select Update SIDES information from the SIDES drop down menu.

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Please do not respond to this email.

Your email address will not be shared with and/or released to any outside parties for commercial purposes.

Disclaimer - This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and contain privileged or copyright information. You must not present this message to another party without gaining permission from the sender. If you are not the intended recipient you must not copy, distribute or use this email or the information contained in it for any purpose other than to notify the Illinois Department of Employment Security. If you have received this message in error, please notify the **sender immediately**, and delete this email from your system.

Section 5 - Connect to SIDES

Employers and TPAs can access SIDES by selecting the link included in their **SIDES E-Response** emails, or by logging in to their TaxNet account, selecting the "SIDES" menu button from the left side menu, and selecting "Connect to SIDES". Selecting this link will navigate the Employer and TPA to the **SIDES E-Response** web portal.

SIDES Email Notification

Subject: Notice from IDES RE: [Employer Name]

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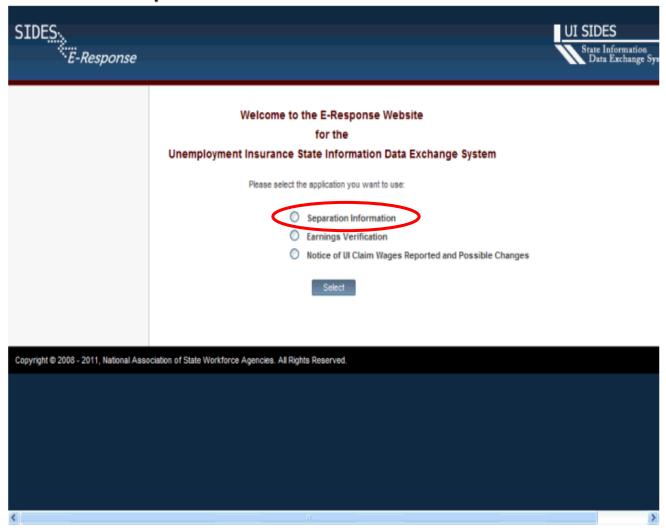
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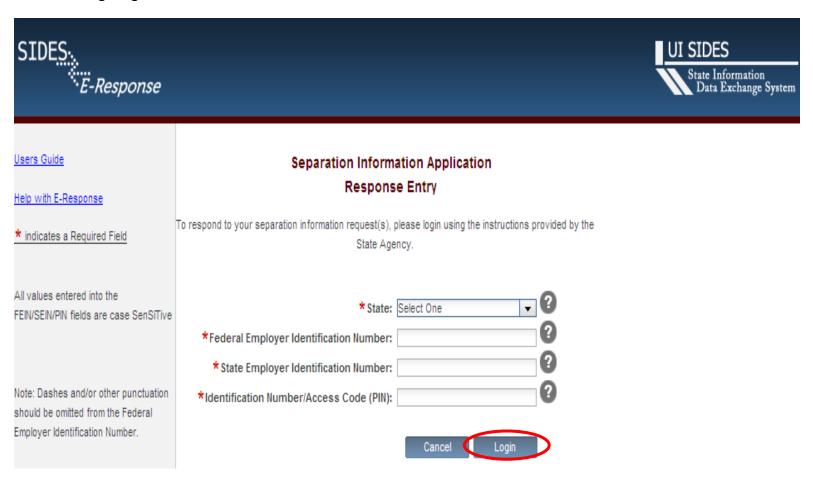
Again, currently IDES is only providing Employers and TPAs the option to receive and respond to electronic Notices of Claims via the **SIDES E-Response** web portal. After selecting the radio button for **Separation Information**, which will start the electronic Notice of Claims e-mails, Employers and TPAs will navigate to the SIDES Login Page.

1 Select E-Response Website



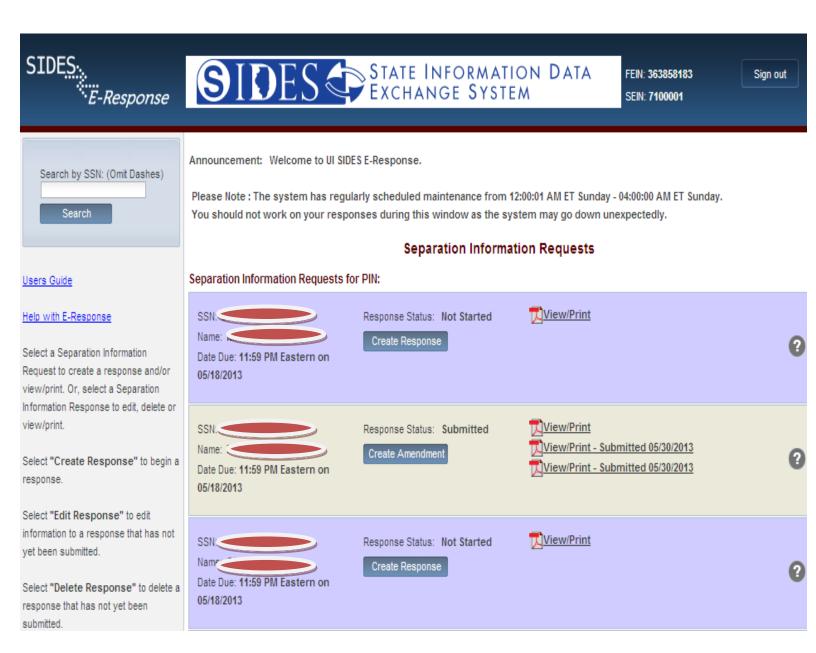
Section 7 - Login to SIDES

Employers and TPAs can Login to SIDES by providing their FEIN, State UI account number, SIDES PIN and selecting "Login".

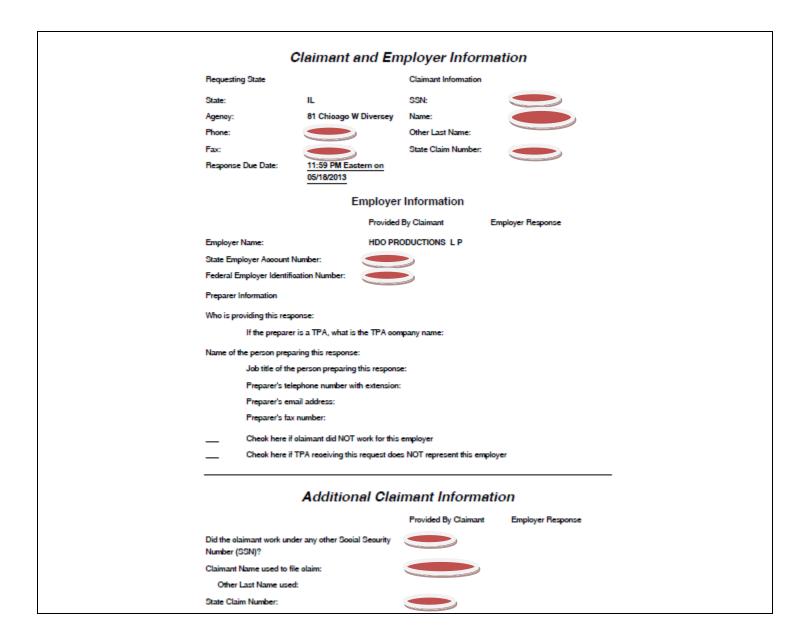


Section 8 - Review and Respond to Electronic Notices of Claim

When an Employer or TPA logs in to the **SIDES E-Response** web portal, they will see pending requests for all employees that filed unemployment claims on the previous day.



Employers and TPAs can view or print a PDF file of the Claimant/Employer information that is either in progress, or has already been submitted for each claimant.



i. Create Response

To respond to a particular claimant's Notice of Claim, Employers and TPAs will simply select the "Create Response" button.



Here is where Employers and TPAs can respond to their Notices of Claims. All required (*) fields should be completed.



Employers and TPAs will have an informational attachment available for them to download on the second page of the SIDES E-Response web portal that provides additional claim information, chargeability information and wage information to assist them in preparing their SIDES E-Response.



[PV 1-1: Header] Date Mailed: [FV 16]

Employer Account Number: [FV 17]

Plant Code: [FV 18] **FEIN: [FVXX]**

Claimant SSN: [FV 19]
Claim ID: [FVXX]
Reply Due Date: [FV 20]

[FV 21] Additional Claim Information for Benefit Chargeable Employers

Last Name: [FV XX]	Suffix: [FVXX]	Other last Name; [FV XX]	
First Name: [FVXX]	Middle initial:[FVXX]	Benefit Year Begin Date: [I	FV 24]
Date of Claim: [FV 23]	Claim Type: [FV 26]	Program: [FV 27]	
First Day Worked: [FV XX]	Last Day Worked: [FV 29]	Reason for Separation: [FV 30]	
Return to Work Date: [FV XX]	Claimant Resides In: [FV 25]	State Worked In: [FV 54]	Dependent: [FV 28]

This notice is being sent to you because you are the Chargeable Employer for whom the claimant worked for 30 days (not necessarily consecutively) from the beginning of the claimant's Base Period to the "Date of Claim". You will be charged for any benefits paid to him/her. There is no connection between the amount that you paid the claimant and the amount you will be charged. The claimant's benefits are based on his/her total wages during the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters (Base Period) prior to the claimant's "Benefit Year Begin". You will be charged for the benefits paid even if the wages you paid the claimant are not used in calculating his/her benefits. If the claimant worked for you for less than 30 days, you may still be charged if you were the single employer that paid the claimant enough in wages to requalify after a disqualifying separation from a previous employer. Rules on charging can be found at 56 Ill. Adm. Code 2765.325 et seq. If you wish to protest your chargeability, a form for this purpose is available on our website at www.ides.illinois.gov/charge.

The wages shown represent earnings the claimant received from you during the base period. A worker's base period consists of the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the month in which the benefit year begins. The alternate base period is the last four completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the benefit year.

Benefit Year Begin Date: 10/14/2012 Total Base Period Wages: \$30,700.00

Base Period Qtr: 3 Base Period Year: 2011 Wages: \$7,550.00

Base Period Qtr: 4 Base Period Year: 2011 Wages: \$8,650.00

Base Period Qtr: 1 Base Period Year: 2012 Wages: \$7,650.00

Base Period Qtr: 2 Base Period Year: 2012 Wages: \$6,850.00

Employers and TPAs will be given the opportunity to attach supporting documentation to their E-Response.

Response for: SSN: 335-90-1278 Claim Number: 10953799 Name: MICHAELS, GUS Request Date: 05/08/2013 Date Due: 05/18/2013 Claim Effective Date: 05/05/2013

Attachments

Do you have any attachments (up to 10 documents) which support your statement regarding the Reason for Separation?

Acceptable file formats are: csv, pdf, rtf, tiff, txt.

If Yes, go to Step 1 and enter each attachment separately (See HELP on the left side of this screen).

If No, go to the NEXT page.

WARNING - The total size of all attachments is limited to a maximum of 5 megabytes. Scanned PDFs have the possibility of being very large but by decreasing the dpi size, scanning it in as PDF text or removing some of the extended features of a PDF the size can be greatly reduced. Another option would be to scan it in as a TIFF document instead of a PDF.

Step 1: Add Attachments.



On the final page, before submission, the SIDES E-Response web portal will list errors on the E-Response form that need to be corrected. The "Submission" button will be grayed out until these errors are corrected.



Users Guide

Help with E-Response

Please view your Notice of UI Claim, Wages Reported and Possible Charges Response. If correct, click on the Submit button to send the Notice of UI Claim, Wages Reported and Possible Charges to the State Unemployment Insurance office. You will receive a confirmation number on successful submission.

If you need to make a correction prior to submission, press the BACK button until you reach the appropriate screen to amend.





Please correct the following errors:

Claimant and Employer Identification - Preparer Type is required

Claimant and Employer Identification - Preparer Contact Name is required

Claimant and Employer Identification - Preparer Title is required

Claimant and Employer Identification - Preparer Phone is required

Claimant and Employer Identification - Preparer Email is required

Reason for Separation - Employer Separation Reason is required

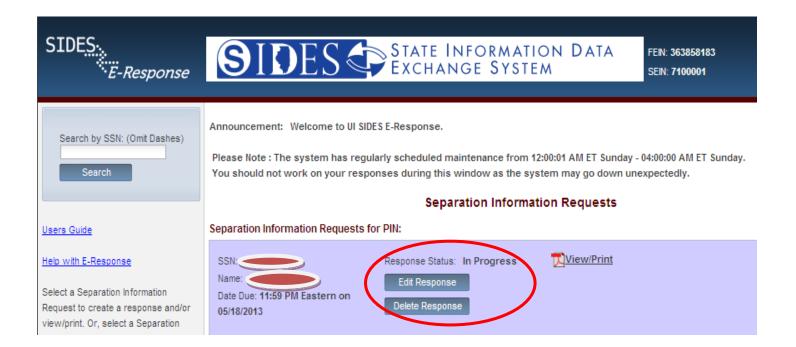
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ii. Edit/Delete a Response

If an Employer or TPA is not ready to submit their E-Response, they can select the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen, leave the SIDES E-Response web portal, and return later to Edit or Delete their Response. Until they Submit their response, the Response Status will show "In Progress".





iii. Amend a Response

If after submitting their E-Response an Employer or TPA wishes to amend their response, within 30 days of the initial date of request they can create and submit an Amendment to their response. As the response has already been submitted, the Response Status will show "Submitted".



iv. Final Conformation

Employer and TPAs will receive a verification confirmation after completion. They should print or download the final PDF of their submission and maintain for their records.



Section 9 - Contact Information

Call the IDES Employer Support Hotline toll free at (800) 247-4984 for SIDES related questions.

You can also email us at www.ides.illinois.gov. From the "About IDES" drop down menu, select "Contact IDES".



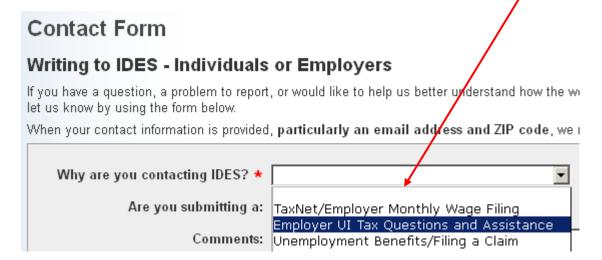
Then select "Contact Form" at the top of the page.

Contact IDES

To contact IDES via the web, please use our online Contact Form.

Regular IDES business hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, except for state holidays. Visit a local IDES office nearest you, get a printer-friendly list of Employment Security Offices & WorkNet Centers, a map of IDES Regions and Offices, or find a TTY number.

Using the "Why are you contacting IDES" drop down menu, select "Employer UI Tax Questions and Assistance" and fill out the remaining information regarding any questions or concerns.



Appendix - FAQ

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